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Committee on Executive Matters and Legal Affairs

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Date: March 7, 2017

Where: Committee Meeting Room

### TESTIMONY

By Kamuela Cobb-Adams  
Kamehameha Schools

To: Chair Menor, Vice Chair Fukunaga, and Members of the Committee

RE: **Bill 13 – PUBLIC SIDEWALKS.**

E ka Luna Ho‘omalua Menor, ka Hope Luna Ho‘omalua Fukunaga a me nā Lālā o ke Kōmike, aloha! My name is Kamuela Cobb-Adams and I serve as the O‘ahu Senior Director of Kamehameha Schools Community Engagement & Resources Group at Kamehameha Schools.

We are writing to **support Bill 13**, relating to sitting and lying on public sidewalks in areas zoned for commercial and business activities, and **we offer the following comments:**

Kamehameha Schools recognizes that Bill 13 will serve as a short-term solution to the negative effects that many of Hawai‘i’s small businesses are facing as a result of loitering individuals – homeless and non-homeless – who obstruct access to storefronts.

Kamehameha Schools acknowledges that Bill 13 is not intended to solve Hawai‘i’s issues around homelessness. We believe that homelessness is a larger issue that affects everyone, including business owners, land owners, our government, and certainly the homeless families, their children and their kūpuna and that the issue cannot be addressed by legislation alone but rather through unified efforts of all who are affected.

Founded in 1887, Kamehameha Schools is an organization striving to advance a thriving Lāhui where all Native Hawaiians are successful, grounded in traditional values, and leading in the local and global communities. We believe that community success is individual success, Hawaiian culture-based education leads to academic success and local leadership drives global leadership.

‘A‘ohe hana nui ke alu ‘ia. No task is too large when we all work together. Mahalo nui.